



TIOGA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, February 5, 2026
9:00 am

○ ATTENDANCE

➤ Legislators

- Tracy Monell, Legislative Chair
- David Cantella, Public Works Committee Chair
- William Standing, Public Works Committee
- Ray Bunce, Public Works Committee
- Jo Ellen Rose, Public Works Committee

➤ Staff

- Gary Hammond, Commissioner
- Justin Ruggiero, Deputy Commissioner
- Tammy Hummel, Secretary to the Commissioner
- Jason Anderson, Project Technician

➤ Guests

- Jackson Bailey, County Administrator
- Cathy Haskell, Legislative Clerk
- Peter DeWind, Esq., County Attorney

○ APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A motion to approve the minutes as submitted for January 8th, 2026, meeting was made by William Standing, seconded by Ray Bunce. All in favor. Motion carried.

○ FINANCIAL

- YTD Budget Summary was shared with the committee.

○ OLD BUSINESS

- None

○ NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Hammond reported on Buildings and Grounds
- Snow removal was done at all buildings and walkways multiple times.
 - 200 feet of chair rail was fabricated and installed at Waverly Mental Health.
 - Two lengths of 150-foot CAT 6 wires were run for cameras at Waverly Mental Health.



- A new boiler was installed at Buildings and Grounds, replacing a 40-year-old boiler that failed.
 - The Dental van was moved from H.H.S. to Apalachin Elementary, then from Apalachin Elementary to Owego Elementary.
 - The work on the HVAC project at 56 Main Street continues.
 - The Legislative Office remodel has been completed.
- Mr. Hammond reported on the Highway Department.
- Snow removal operations on County roadways continues.
 - Snow has been removed from county building parking lots.
 - Roadways have been cold patched as needed.
 - The Highway Department has been cutting down and/or trimming trees.
 - The Highway Department hauled sand to be mixed with salt.
 - All the trucks have been washed using Delphine Street facility.
 - Concrete blocks have been cast to use in retaining walls.
 - We are currently reviewing the most needed and cost-effective equipment to procure this year from the 2026 Budget.
- Mr. Hammond reported on the Buildings and Grounds Capital Projects.
- The lowest bidder for the Courthouse and Court Annex/Clerks Roof project has expressed interest in starting the project before summer.
 - Car Wash Facility quotes are being obtained, and Delta is involved in designing a new door.
 - The Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building North Wing HVAC upgrade project is approximately halfway done.
 - The Public Safety Building air compressor will be moved to accommodate future construction.
 - An estimate has been received for the roof replacement at the truck wash facility.
- Mr. Hammond reported on the Highway Capital Projects.
- Day Hollow Road Culvert is back in design phase due to the additional scope of work; right of way paperwork is still being signed.
 - Glenmary Drive by Thorn Hollow Road is in final design phase.
 - Straits Corners Road over Pipe Creek is in preliminary design phase.
 - Brown Road Bridge over East Branch Owego Creek is in preliminary design phase.
 - Halsey Valley Road Culvert is in preliminary design phase.



- Mr. Hammond discussed the appraised value range of the spare tandem truck and with Legislative approval, via upcoming resolution, the request from the Newark Valley Highway Department purchase it.
- MISCELLANEOUS
 - Mr. Hammond initiated a discussion of the need for a salt/sand mixture storage facility and the committee's general amiability to apply for a grant that will cover 75% of the cost.
 - Mr. Standinger raised the question of the Stone Building viability for future usage at H.H.S. that is non-storage.
- PERSONNEL
 - None
- RESOLUTIONS
 - Transfer Reserve Funds to Purchase Copier at Public Works Highway Garage
 - William Standinger (aye), Jo Ellen Rose (aye), Ray Bunce (aye), David Cantella (aye)
 - Award Bid for Courthouse and Court Annex Roof Replacement and Exterior Rehabilitation Construction Project
 - William Standinger (aye), Jo Ellen Rose (aye), Ray Bunce (aye), David Cantella (aye)
 - Award Design and Construction Support Services Contract to Delta Engineers for a New Garage Door at 70 Delphine Street
 - William Standinger (aye), Jo Ellen Rose (aye), Ray Bunce (aye), David Cantella (aye)
 - Re-establish Prior Year 2025 Public Works Funds (Metal Pipes/Culverts)
 - William Standinger (aye), Jo Ellen Rose (aye), Ray Bunce (aye), David Cantella (aye)
 - Re-establish Prior Year 2025 Public Works Funds (Capital Constr. & Equipment)
 - William Standinger (aye), Jo Ellen Rose (aye), Ray Bunce (aye), David Cantella (aye)
 - Authorizing Sale of Tandem Truck to Newark Valley Highway Department
 - William Standinger (aye), Jo Ellen Rose (aye), Ray Bunce (aye), David Cantella (aye)
- PROCLAMATIONS
 - None

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Gary Hammond, P.E. Commissioner **Justin Ruggiero** Deputy Commissioner

○ ADJOURNMENT

- There was a motion to adjourn by Ray Bunce and seconded by David Cantella. The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Hammond".

Gary Hammond, P.E.
Commissioner of Public Works